

for the improvement of the Mississippi river between the mouth of the Minnesota river and the Falls of St. Anthony, to be expended under the direction and authority of the proper department of the Government.

J. S. NORRIS,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*  
WM. P. MURRAY,  
*President of Council.*

APPROVED—February twenty-sixth eighteen hundred and fifty-five.  
W. A. GORMAN.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct copy of the original act on file in this office.

J. TRAVIS ROSSER,  
*Secretary of Minnesota Territory.*

## A MEMORIAL

Of the Legislative Assembly of Minnesota Territory to Congress for an appropriation for the construction of a Military Road.

*To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:*

The memorial of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, respectfully represents: Military road.

1st, That the transportation of supplies for the use of the Military and Indian Departments of Government on the Upper Minnesota forms an important item of the expenditures for these Departments in this Territory.

2d, That during the seasons of low water, the supplies for these Departments must be carried by hand, a distance of some forty-five miles, over roads that have been constructed temporarily, and at individual expense, and therefore are as yet inconvenient, and at certain seasons of the year, difficult to pass over with loaded teams.

3d, That the difference in the cost of transportation of Government supplies would in a few years repay the Government for an expenditure of money in the construction of a good road for the transportation of the Mil-

tary and Indian supplies necessary for Fort Ridgely and the Sioux Agency.

4th, That the construction of a Military Road would tend to open to settlement a large tract of valuable agricultural lands along the line of the Road which are now inaccessible to the settler, and thus by the increased value of the Government lands contribute largely towards refunding to the National Treasury any expenditure made by Government in constructing such Road.

Your memorialists would therefore most respectfully but urgently ask your honorable bodies to make an appropriation for the construction of a Military Road from Fort Ridgely, crossing the Minnesota at such points as will best subserve the interests of Government, to connect with the Minnesota and Big Sioux River Road.

And as is duty bound, your memorialists will ever pray.

J. S. NORRIS,  
*Speaker of House of Representatives.*  
S. B. OLMSTED,  
*President of the Council.*

APPROVED—February fifteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

W. A. GORMAN.

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J. TRAVIS ROSSER,  
*Secretary of Minnesota Territory.*